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Please revise the title to read as follows:

--SMELTING REDUCTION METHOD--.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, line 1, delete "SPECIFICATION";

Page 1, in the first line after the title, insert the  
following:

--This application is a Divisional Application of  
application Serial No. 09/598,605 filed June 21, 2000, which is a  
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